

ABRIDGED ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH FOR SUNBURY-ON-THAMES FOR THE YEAR

1941



Population: 20,240

(as estimated by the Registrar General for 1941,
showing an increase of 1,070 over the estimate for 1940)

<u>Live Births:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	162 (173)	160 (162)	322 (333)
Illegitimate	17 (7)	10 (6)	27 (13)
	<u>179</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>349</u>

(Figures in brackets are for the previous year)

BIRTH RATE per 1000. of the estimated resident population:
17.2 (18.8)

Still Births: Males 5. Females 5. Total 10.

<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	112 (125)	92 (104)	204 (229)

DEATH RATE per 1000 of the estimated resident population:
10.07 (11.9) England and Wales 12.9

Death under 1 year	17 (12)
Deaths from whooping cough (all ages)	2 (1)
Deaths from measles (all ages)	Nil (Nil)

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES

Diphtheria:

4 Notifications were received during 1941, two in the New Year before immunisation started in this district and two later, one turning out to be tonsillitis and the other a baby of between one and two years who had not been immunised and had moved here from another district.

Diphtheria Immunisation: was adopted in this district early in 1941 and sessions started at the end of February. A good percentage of all children of school age was achieved.

Number of Children Immunised during 1941: (To 31.12.41.)

Under 5 years	... 546
Over 5 and under 15 years	1,836

Estimated percentage of child population:

Under 5 years	37.6%
Over 5 and under 15 years	73.4%

Scarlet Fever:

18 cases notified, five of which were nursed at home.

Pneumonia:

9 cases notified. Eight deaths were attributed to pneumonia (all forms) during the year, the figure for 1940 being 12.

Erysipelas:

Three cases. Two were admitted to hospital for treatment.

Puerperal Pyrexia:

4 cases, one nursed at home.

Meningitis:

Three cases, all sent to hospital.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum:

One case only, sent to hospital.

Enteric (Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever):

4 cases notified, three sent to hospital.

Whooping Cough and Measles:

41 cases of whooping cough were notified by Medical Practitioners and 67 cases of measles. Many more cases occurred and were reported by Headmasters of the County Council Schools.

Chickenpox, Mumps:

The usual outbreak of these diseases occurred in the schools during the early months of the year. In addition 52 notifications (none after August) were received from local Medical Practitioners.

Cancer:

During 1941 there were 25 deaths (one more than in 1940).

Tuberculosis:

Nine new cases were registered during the year - 7 Pulmonary and 2 Non-pulmonary.

13 deaths occurred in the district as follows:-

<u>Pulmonary:</u>	<u>Males</u> 8	<u>Females</u> 3
W. Pizzey	38	O. Mork 40
G. Capponi	29	H. James 24
K. Robinson	26	E. Sharland 32
H. North	56	
G. Edwards	71	
J. Gaskell	47	
H. Tann	45	
J. Palmer	17	
<u>Non-Pulmonary:</u>	<u>Males</u> 1	<u>Females</u> 1
	John Hamilton 20	Joan Lee 17

Heart Disease:

41 deaths in 1941.

Laboratory Facilities:

During the year the following specimens were sent to the Clinical Research Association:-

Swabs for Diphtheria	17	(all negative)
Sputum for Tuberculosis	8	(2 only positive)

GENERAL REPORT

In 1941 the Birth Rate fell slightly, 17.2, compared with 18.8 in 1940. The death rate was lower, 10.07 compared with 11.9.

The general health of the district was good, no major epidemics. Diphtheria immunisation is proceeding very satisfactorily. There have been no outbreaks of diphtheria in schools of the district.

War conditions have not affected the health of the people generally and there is no evidence of malnutrition among children.

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